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**Tucker L. Melançon**

District Judge

Date of Birth: 1946  
 Education: LSU 1968 BS; Tulane 1973 JD  
 Began Service: 1994  
 Appointed By: President William J. Clinton

**Academic:** Member of Board of Directors and Secretary-Treasurer, Laco Premium Plan Incorporated (1985); Member, Board of Directors and Secretary-Treasurer, Southeast Central Louisiana Premium Finance Company (1987); Member, Advisory Board, Catalyst Old River Hydroelectric Partnership (1989-1992)

**Corporate:** Member, Board of Directors, Catalyst Vidalia Corporation (1992-1994)

**Legal Practice:** Attorney, Knoll & Knoll (1973-1975); Sole Practitioner (1975-1983); Partner, Melancon & Rabalais (1984)

**Current Memberships:** The American Inns of Court; American Judicature Society; Federal Bar Association; Louisiana State Bar Association

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**Robert G. James**

District Judge

Date of Birth: 1946  
 Education: Louisiana Tech 1968 BA; LSU 1971 JD  
 Began Service: October 31, 1998  
 Appointed By: President William J. Clinton  
 Political Affiliation: Democrat

**Judicial:** Judge (part time), Ruston City Court (1985-1998); Judge Pro Tempore, Supreme Court of Louisiana, Lincoln and Union Parishes (1993-1997)

**Legal Practice:** Associate, Barham, Wright, Barham & Dawkins (1971-1972); Partner, Barham, Wright, Barham & Dawkins (and successor firms) (1972-1985)

**Chambers of District Judge Robert G. James** *continued*

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; American Judges Association; Louisiana Parish Bar Association; Louisiana State Bar Association; Louisiana Bar Foundation, Louisiana State Bar Association; Louisiana Tech University Foundation; The Nature Conservancy

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**Dee D. Drell**

District Judge

Date of Birth: November 4, 1947  
 Education: Tulane 1968 BA, 1971 JD  
 Began Service: May 9, 2003  
 Appointed By: President George W. Bush

**Legal Practice:** Attorney, Gravel, Roy and Burnes (1975-1981); Member, Gold, Weems, Bruser, Sues & Rundell (1981-2003)

**Military Service:** Judge Advocate General, United States Army (1971-1975)

**Current Memberships:** Alexandria Bar Association; American Bar Association; The Crossroads Inn of Court of Alexandria-Pineville, The American Inns of Court; American Judicature Society; Louisiana State Bar Association

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**S. Maurice Hicks, Jr.**

District Judge

Date of Birth: December 5, 1952  
 Education: Texas Christian 1974 BA; LSU 1977 JD  
 Began Service: June 12, 2003  
 Appointed By: President George W. Bush  
 Political Affiliation: Republican

**Judicial:** Staff Attorney, Louisiana Legislature (1975-1977)

**Current Memberships:** Louisiana State Bar Association; Shreveport Bar Association

**Profession:** Private Practice (1977-2003)

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**Patricia Head Minaldi**

District Judge

Date of Birth: September 12, 1958  
 Education: Wesleyan U 1980 BA; Tulane 1983 JD  
 Began Service: June 16, 2003  
 Appointed By: President George W. Bush  
 Political Affiliation: Republican

**Government:** Assistant District Attorney, Orleans Parish, New Orleans (1983-1986); Assistant Attorney General, Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana (1986-1996)

**Judicial:** Judge, 14th Judicial District of Louisiana (1996-2003)

**Current Memberships:** Louisiana State Bar Association; Southwest Louisiana Bar Association

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**Note:** District Judge Tom Stagg assumed "Senior" status as of February 29, 1992.

**Tom Stagg**

District Judge

Date of Birth: 1923  
 Education: LSU 1943 BA, 1949 JD  
 Began Service: 1974  
 Appointed By: President Richard M. Nixon

**Legal Practice:** Attorney, Hargrove, Guyton, Van Hook & Hargrove (1949-1954); Senior Partner, Stagg, Cady & Beard (1958-1974)

**Military Service:** United States Army (1943-1946)

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; Louisiana State Bar Association; Shreveport Bar Association

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**Donald E. Walter**

Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1936  
 Education: LSU 1961 BA, 1964 JD  
 Began Service: July 15, 1985  
 Appointed By: President George W. Bush

**Academic:** Adjunct Professor, Centenary College

**Chambers of Senior Judge Donald E. Walter** *continued*

**Government:** U.S. Attorney, Louisiana - Western District, Executive Office for United States Attorneys, United States Department of Justice (1969-1977)

**Legal Practice:** Attorney, Cavanaugh, Brame, Holt & Woodley (1964-1966); Attorney, Holt & Woodley (1966-1969); Attorney, Hargrove, Guyton, Ramey & Barlow (1978-1985)

**Military Service:** United States Army (1957-1958)

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**James T. Trimble, Jr.**

Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1932  
 Education: LSU 1955 BA, 1956 JD  
 Began Service: September 12, 1991  
 Appointed By: President George H.W. Bush  
 Political Affiliation: Republican

**Judicial:** Magistrate Judge, United States District Court for the Western District of Louisiana (1986-1991); District Judge, United States District Court for the Western District of Louisiana (1991-2002)

**Legal Practice:** Attorney, Gist, Murchison, & Gist (1959-1978); Attorney, Trimble, Percy, Smith, Wilson, Foote, Walker & Honeycutt (1979-1986)

**Military Service:** United States Air Force (1956-1959)

**Current Memberships:** Federal Judges Association; Louisiana State Bar Association; Louisiana Bar Foundation, Louisiana State Bar Association; Southwest Louisiana Bar Association

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**Mildred E. Methvin**

Magistrate Judge

Date of Birth: 1952  
 Education: Tulane 1974 BA; Georgetown 1976 JD  
 Began Service: June 13, 1983  
 Term Expires: June 13, 2014

**Government:** Staff Assistant (R-LA, District 8), Office of Representative Gillis W. Long, United States House of Representatives (1974-1977); Assistant U.S. Attorney, Louisiana - Western District, Executive Office for United States Attorneys, United States Department of Justice, Jimmy Carter Administration (1979-1981); Staff Attorney, United States Department of the Interior, Ronald Reagan Administration (1981-1983)

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